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In re Application of:  
**Jeff Miller, et al.**

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Method for Enhanced Suspension"**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 31, 2008**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2008. Please  
amend the application as indicated below:

- **Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the replacement paragraph on page 3 of this paper;
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper; and
- **Summary** begins on page 10 of this paper.

A fee is not believed to be due for this amendment to the claims, but an extension of time is needed for this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge undersigned's deposit account no. 50-0807 for this fee and any other fees that may be due for this application (except the issue fee), if a check for same is not found included herewith.

Please amend the application as follows: